

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

DERICK OWUSU,

Petitioner,

v.

MARGARET GILBERT,

Respondent.

CASE NO. C21-0500-RSM-BAT

ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER'S  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE OBJECTIONS

Petitioner Owusu, proceeding pro se, filed this federal habeas action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 on April 14, 2021. Dkt. #1. On September 14, 2021, Judge Tsuchida issued a Report and Recommendation ("R & R") recommending that the habeas petition be denied and dismissed and recommending denial of Petitioner's motion to appoint counsel. Dkt. #15. The R & R directed Petitioner to file Objections by September 28, 2021. *Id.* at 16.

On September 15, 2021, Petitioner moved for an extension of time to respond to Respondent's answer. Dkt. #16. This Court denied Petitioner's request for additional time to respond to Respondent's answer but granted Petitioner additional time to file objections to the R & R. Dkt. #18. The day before the revised deadline, Petitioner filed the instant motion for time extension, seeking one additional week to file his Objections. Dkt. #19.

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1 The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allow a court to extend the time before a deadline  
2 elapses for “good cause.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(A). Here, Petitioner seeks an additional week  
3 to prepare his brief and ensure it has no errors. This explanation, on its own, is insufficient to  
4 warrant a time extension. Nevertheless, considering Petitioner’s pro se status and the modest  
5 extension of time sought, the Court finds sufficient good cause to extend the deadline to file  
6 objections by seven (7) days from the date of this Order, to **November 12, 2021**. The Court  
7 cautions Petitioner that there will be no further extensions granted in this matter absent good cause.

### 8 CONCLUSION

9 Having reviewed Petitioner’s Motion and the exhibits and declaration attached thereto, the  
10 Court hereby ORDERS that Petitioner’s Motion for an Extension of Time to file Objections, Dkt.  
11 #19, is GRANTED. The Court will extend Petitioner’s deadline to file objections to the R & R to  
12 **November 12, 2021**. If objections are filed, any response is due within 14 days after being served  
13 with the objections. Objections and responses shall not exceed 12 pages. Failure to timely object  
14 may affect the right to appeal.

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16 DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

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20 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
21 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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